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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT CHRISTOPHER WREN FRONT PAGE BYLINER  
NEW YORK TIMES WEDNESDAY DEC. 1 HEADED "BREZHNEV APPEALS TO  
CARTER TO PUSH STALLED ARMS PACT/RUSSIAN URGES JOINT EFFORT/  
TELLS U.S. BUSINESSMEN IN MOSCOW LIMITATION ON STRATEGIC  
WEAPONS SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY."

2. MOSCOW, NOV. 30. LEONID I. BREZHNEV TODAY PUBLICLY CALLED  
ON THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO JOIN IN PUSHING  
THROUGH THE STALLED SOVIET-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ARMS ACCORD.

3. INJECTING A SENSE OF URGENCY, THE SOVIET LEADER SAID: "WE  
BELIEVE IT IS HIGH TIME TO PUT AN END TO THE FREEZE IMPOSED  
ON THIS QUESTION BY WASHINGTON ALMOST A YEAR AGO." HE AP-  
PEALED TO THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION "TO ACT IN THE SAME  
SPIRIT."

4. MR. BREZHNEV'S REMARKS REFLECTED A HOPE THAT PRESIDENT-  
ELECT JIMMY CARTER WOULD GIVE THE NEGOTIATIONS HIGH PRI-  
ORITY. THE RUSSIANS CONTEND THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION  
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HAS DELAYED THE ACCORD FOR REASONS OF ELECTION-YEAR EXPEDI-

ENCY. THE DEADLOCK WAS ORIGINALLY CAUSED BY A TECHNICAL DISPUTE OVER WHAT WEAPON SYSTEMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN

AGREED LIMITATIONS.

5. MEETING OF U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE GROUP. THE FORUM FOR MR. BREZHNEV WAS A KREMLIN DINNER FOR 150 AMERICAN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVES WHO ARE HERE FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION FORMED BY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND SOVIET INDUSTRIAL OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE TRADE.

6. THE SOVIET LEADER RETURNED TO THE FAMILIAR THEME THAT TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD DEVELOP ON A LARGE SCALE ONLY IF CONGRESS ABANDONED ITS LINKAGE BETWEEN AMERICAN CREDITS AND TARIFF CONCESSIONS--THE SO-CALLED MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS--AND FREER EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

7. "THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT DISCRIMINATION IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS CAN INFLUENCE OUR POLICY OR ARREST OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE DEEPLY MISTAKEN," MR. BREZHNEV SAID IN A TOAST. "THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER MADE ITSELF DEPENDENT IN THESE MATTERS ON THE BENEVOLENCE OF WESTERN PARTNERS."

8. RUSSIANS RENOUNCED '72 ACCORD. HE ALLUDED TO AN AMENDMENT INSERTED BY SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON AND OTHER LEGISLATORS INTO THE 1974 TRADE BILL, MAKING MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS AND GOVERNMENT EXPORT CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION CONDITIONAL ON FREER EMIGRATION. MOSCOW RENOUNCED A 1972 TRADE AGREEMENT AFTER CONGRESS HAD ENACTED THE RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS.

9. MR. BREZHNEV SAID TWO-WAY TRADE, INFLATED BY SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES AFTER A POOR 1975 HARVEST, WOULD EXCEED \$2.5 BILLION THIS YEAR. FIGURES MADE PUBLIC BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THROUGH SEPTEMBER SHOW A DOUBLING OF AMERICAN EXPORTS OVER LAST YEAR, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GRAIN SALES, AND A SLIGHT DECREASE IN IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AS A RESULT, THE TRADE BALANCE IS RUNNING 12 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES.

10. SOME OF THE OTHER AMERICAN EXPORTS THIS YEAR RESULTED FROM CONTRACTS SIGNED BEFORE THE TRADE BILL WAS ENACTED. MR. BREZHNEV CONTENDED THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES HAD LOST \$1.5 MILLION TO \$2 MILLION WORTH OF SOVIET ORDERS IN THE

LAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

11. "IT IS FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE TO RECTIFY AN ABNORMAL SITUATION," MR. BREZHNEV SAID.

12. THE SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, NIKOLAI S. PATOLICHEV, MADE THE SAME POINT TO THE BUSINESSMEN THIS AFTERNOON WHEN HE SAID THAT, WITHOUT A LIFTING OF THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD TURN INCREASINGLY TO ITS OTHER WESTERN PARTNERS. THEY ARE WEST GERMANY, JAPAN, FINLAND, ITALY, FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

13. TODAY'S SESSIONS WERE ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, WILLIAM E. SIMON, WHO MET WITH MR. BREZHNEV LATER THIS AFTERNOON. THESE TALKS WERE FIRST CHARACTERIZED BY THE OFFICIAL PRESS AGENCY TASS AS "FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE." THE ASSESSMENT WAS LATER CORRECTED TO "FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE," SUGGESTING A SLIGHTLY COOLER ATMOSPHERE.

14. TWO BASIC ISSUES IN U.S. RELATIONS. THE LACK OF EQUAL TRADE CONSIDERATION AND THE DEADLOCK OVER THE STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT ARE VIEWED BY THE KREMLIN AS TWO PRINCIPAL POINTS OF FRICTION. GUIDELINES FOR THE ARMS PACT WERE AGREED UPON BY MR. BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT FORD IN A MEETING AT VLADIVOSTOK IN NOVEMBER 1974, BUT DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DRAGGING ON.

15. THE GUIDELINES SET A CEILING OF 2,400 STRATEGIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS AND BOMBERS ON EACH SIDE, OF WHICH 1,320 MIGHT BE ARMED WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS. TECHNICAL DISAGREEMENT AROSE OVER WHETHER AN AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE AND A SOVIET BOMBER, CODE-NAMED BACKFIRE BY THE WEST, UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

16. LAST JANUARY, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER CAME HERE FOR TALKS AT WHICH THE DIFFERENCES WERE REPORTEDLY WHITTLED DOWN. AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT SAID IN THE SUMMER THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS 90 PERCENT CONCLUDED, AND LAST WEEK MR. BREZHNEV ASSERTED IN A SPEECH IN BUCHAREST, RUMANIA, THAT IT WAS VIRTUALLY READY.

17. MOSCOW SEEMS TO HAVE MADE THE CONCLUSION OF THE PACT ITS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TWO WEEKS AGO, MR. CARTER, TOO, SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE ISSUE A TOP ITEM ON HIS AGENDA. (END TEXT) ROBINSON

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